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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 920,000 head as of January 1, 2015. The latest inventory was down 1 percent from December 1, 2014 and down 4 percent from January 1, 2014. The inventory included 585,000 steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from last year's number. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 320,000 head, are down 6 percent from a year ago. The number of cows and bulls at 15,000 head are up 10,000 head from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 135,000 head of fed cattle during December 2014, up 13 percent from the previous month, but 10 percent below the December 2013 marketings of 150,000 head. An estimated 130,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2014, 16 percent below last month, and 13 percent below December 2013 placements of 150,000. Of the number placed in December, 27 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 27 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for December was estimated at 5,000 head, no change from last month but down 5,000 head from last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on January 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2014. The inventory included 6.94 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.67 million head, down 2 percent from 2014. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.54 million, 8 percent below 2013. Net placements were 1.47 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 435,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 339,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.66 million, 5 percent below 2013. Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during December, 6 percent below 2013.

For a full copy of the January 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.